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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314. Maine Rural Telephone Carriers (list of carriers below)

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.314, the Maine Public Utilities Commission hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that the telecommunications carriers included in this letter are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

On August 2, 2018, August 13, 2018, August 24, 2018, and August 30, 2018, we requested that any interested person comment as to whether the rural telephone companies named herein were in compliance with Section 254.

The Maine Public Utilities Commission certifies for the carriers listed all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within Maine was used in the preceding calendar year **(2017)** and will be used in the coming calendar year **(2019)** only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.¹

¹ 47 C.F.R. §54.314(a) ("Certification. States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.").

Company Name	Study Area Code	Maine Docket
CHINA TEL CO.	100004	2018-00207
COBBOSSEECONTEE TEL	100005	2018-00249
COMMUNITY SERVICE	100015	2018-00208
HAMPDEN TEL CO	100010	2018-00250
HARTLAND & ST ALBANS	100011	2018-00251
ISLAND TEL CO	100007	2018-00252
LINCOLNVILLE TEL CO	100003	2018-00205
Maine Telephone Co.	100025	2018-00210
MID MAINE TELECOM	103315	2018-00224
NORTHLAND TEL CO-ME	103313	2018-00211
OXFORD COUNTY TEL	100019	2018-00243
OXFORD WEST TEL CO	100002	2018-00244
PINE TREE TEL & TEL	100020	2018-00225
SACO RIVER TEL & TEL	100022	2018-00226
Sidney Telephone	103313	2018-00212
SOMERSET TEL CO	100024	2018-00253
STANDISH TEL CO	100025	2018-00213
Tidewater Telecom	100003	2018-00204
UNION RIVER TEL CO	100027	2018-00222
UNITY TEL CO., INC.	100029	2018-00198
WARREN TEL CO	100031	2018-00254
WEST PENOBSCOT TEL	100034	2018-00255

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Signed,



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